

Tension in Town

Al-Sadr's Posters, Photos Removed from City



By Spc. Jan Critchfield, 122nd MPAD

A Washash resident tries to direct the attention of 1st Lt. Brian Schonfeld, leader of 1st Platoon, C. Co., 91st Eng. Bn., away from a shop selling images of anti-Coalition leader Muqtada al-Sadr to additional anti-Coalition propaganda nearby.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq- While conducting a routine patrol through the community of Washash, 1st Platoon, Charlie Company, 91st Engineer Battalion noticed something unsettling about the busy and typically friendly neighborhood. Posters promoting anti-Coalition leader Muqtada al-Sadr were displayed in several shop windows and apartments. This was a surprise to 1st Lt. Brian Schonfeld, 1st Platoon leader, who had not noticed anything to suggest al-Sadr's influence in the region prior to that patrol.

After the initial dismounted patrol that discovered the propaganda, Schonfeld received orders to reenter Washash and remove the

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1CD Network Sharing Knowledge to Win the Fight

By Maj. Craig Unrath
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Have you ever wished you could share your insight from last night's mission with your buddies in other battalions? Now you can.

The 1st Cav Knowledge Network is online and ready for use! All you need is a SIPRNET connection and you can access the website to begin joining discussions relevant to your current operations.

The Knowledge Network includes forums for discussing and posting comments for

every task within our Lines of Operations.

You can even sign up for e-mail notification to alert you to new message posts related to your areas of interest. This tool enables First Team leaders to leverage what they are learning right NOW. From finding IEDs, to training firefighters, share your learned lessons with fellow leaders and soldiers.

The Knowledge Network

Cell will enable 1CD and others across the Army to rapidly and securely disseminate invaluable, emerging tactical lessons learned throughout the

entire area of operations. Pegasus 6 is very excited about its potential and encourages maximum participa-

tion.

The Knowledge Network is a key combat multiplier in building a free and prosperous Iraq.

**First Cavalry
Division
Knowledge Network**

Check it out at: http://www.1cd.army.smil.mil/cdkn_home.cfm or, access through the First Team TACWEB homepage.

Start a thread today to share what you know and learn the lessons of others. Registration confirmation is immediate and navigation is simple. We want to know what you are learning right NOW!

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Putting the Human Face on American, Iraqi Culture

By Spc. Andy Miller

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CAMP VICTORY SOUTH- Students from Killeen (Texas) High School connected with their counterparts from Baghdad International School to discuss current events during a video-teleconference (VTC) session on Camp Victory April 15.

This event was the fourth in a series of interactions between the 1st Cavalry Division and Killeen High School. During the first three sessions, students from the school met with Soldiers in the Ft. Hood area while the division was preparing for deployment. Now, with the First Team in Baghdad, the students from Killeen were invited to visit with their counterparts in Iraq.

The students on both sides of the world had a chance to gain new perspectives about each other and their respective cultures during the study session, according to Lt. Col. Rick Welch, the division's civil military operations advisor.

"The thing that sometimes separates us is that we dehumanize our enemy, and they dehumanize us," Welch said. "We paint each other with a broad brush, so that we are all bad."



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Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli thanks chaperone Zina Haifel as students from Baghdad International School look on. The students were present during a VTC held at Camp Victory South with students from Killeen High School.

More importantly, Welch said the students could discuss issues and put a human face on the cultures involved in

understanding of what life and opinions were on either side of the cultural divide. Hot topics of the discussion included war,

International School, explained that he sees the coalition as doing great things for Iraq. He has been working with Army Civil Affairs groups on projects in Baghdad over the past year.

"Iraq was happy at first. I was happy myself," Rokan said. "Later it was very strange for us to have American tanks on the streets. Some don't understand, and [I] think they [think Americans] want to take our money and oil."

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1CD Civil Military Operations Advisor**

Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During the VTC, the students from both sides of the conflict were able to satisfy their curiosity in virtual face-to-face environment. They took the opportunity to gain a better

gender issues, religion and democracy.

Texas students wanted to know how Iraqi youths felt about the coalition forces in their country. Marwan Rokan, an 11th grader at Baghdad

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Washash Residents Resist Removal of Al-Sadr Posters

Continued from Page 1 posters, which are considered illegal because of al-Sadr's extremist anti-Coalition standpoint.

The first few posters were confiscated with great ease. On public display, they did not appear to belong to any one in particular and no resistance was given. However, a few

meters down the crowded market road, Schonfeld and his platoon came upon a shop selling framed prints. Schonfeld explained to the owner of the shop that anti-Coalition paraphernalia is illegal and that the prints could not be displayed, but the man refused to remove them.

"We explained the best we

could without an interpreter," said Cpl. Mark Steir, a team leader in 1st Platoon. "They started to get angry once they realized why we were taking them down, then the further along we got, the community became more upset," he said.

To make the situation more unsettling, the loudspeakers of a local Mosque addressed the neighborhood, drawing ecstatic shouts from the growing crowd of onlookers.

"There was a lot more finger-jabbing going on than usual," said Schonfeld, "a couple [people] even tried to grab our hands away from taking the pictures down." After several minutes of negotiation, Schonfeld was able to persuade the owner of the shop to remove the pictures, thanks to the help of a few English-speaking locals.

Moving along, 1st Platoon removed one more poster before a sizeable crowd formed and started throwing rocks. "We've got a riot down here, sir," one Soldier yelled to Schonfeld, who promptly

moved his platoon from the area to avoid an escalation of force.

The discovery of anti-Coalition propaganda is a negative development for Coalition efforts in the region, where several projects such as a playing field, a refuse disposal plan, and a communal textile shop have been planned to make Washash a better place to live.

"It was a significant event for us because there is not a very heavy presence of supporters of Muqtada al-Sadr in Washash. The people that we know in Washash have been supporters of [Grand Ayatollah al-Husseini al-Sistani]," said Capt. Ronald Hayward, commander of Charlie Company, who gave the order to remove the posters. "I think it was important [to remove the posters] because al-Sadr currently stands for all things that are anti-Coalition. It's important to show [the people of Washash] that we can deal with the propaganda in a non-threatening way, rather than coming in hard and forcefully."



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1st Lt. Brian Schonfeld, 1st Plt., C Co., 91st Eng. Bn. is confronted with resistance when he attempts to persuade a shop owner to remove framed images of anti-Coalition leader Muqtada al-Sadr from his shop. The 91st Eng. Bn. discovered several posters bearing al-Sadr's photograph during a routine patrol.

Killeen, Iraqi Teens Are Alike

Continued from Page 3 their lives. With the constant element of dangers from insurgent and criminal activities, the students are very cautious about life outside the home. They are nervous about going to school, and unable to move about freely with friends.

"I hope the Iraqi kids saw that the American kids are just like them," Welch said.

"[They] want the same things and think the same way. But I hope that our American kids saw what these kids have to go through, just to make it through a school day."

The 1st Cav. Div. plans to maintain their connection with Killeen High School with at least two more VTC conferences from Iraq scheduled over the next year.

Reminder: Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9

There's still time to mail a card or send flowers.



Today in Cav History



1951 - Initial enemy attacks begin on their "Fifth Phase" which prompted the return to combat certain elements of the 1st Cavalry Division still in I Corps reserve.

1967 - Operation LEJEUNE ends.

Thursday

High: 85
Low: 68



Friday

High: 85
Low: 63



Saturday

High: 88
Low: 61



Today in History April 22

► From historychannel.com

1889 The Oklahoma land rush begins
1915 The first major poison gas attack by the Germans on Allied forces
1937 Jack Nicholson born
1954 Senator Joseph McCarthy begins hearings investigating the U.S. Army, which he charges with being soft on "communism"
1970 The first Earth Day celebrated in communities all across the country
1972 Antiwar demonstrations held
1976 Barbara Walters signs a record-breaking five-year \$5 million contract with ABC, making her the first news anchorwoman in network history and highest paid TV journalist to date

Dawgs Goal to Tee Off at State

► From *Killeen Daily Herald*

WACO, Texas- Copperas Cove's boys golf team, playing its seventh tournament round of the year at Bear Ridge Golf Course on Tuesday, put itself in position to win the Class 5A Region II Golf Tournament.

During the opening round, Cove battled wind and rain to card a 304 and finish three shots out of the lead behind fifth-ranked defending champion The Woodlands and Plano High, which both shot 301s to end the day tied for first.

"We played solid today," Bulldawgs coach Justin Schulze said. "We did a lot of things really well, but we made some mistakes just like anybody else."

District 13-5A champ Davis Dewald led the effort for Cove with a 75. Kenny Lezo and Marc Cleverly both carded 76s, and Nathan Reding shot a 77 to round out the scoring for the team. Sophomore Derrick Gonzales, the team's youngest player, had a bit of an off day

with an 82.

Dewald said that the weather, which forced the golfers off the course for a while late in the day, affected the Bulldawgs play.

To finish in one of the top two spots and achieve their goal of reaching the state meet, Schulze said the Bulldawgs' short game would be crucial.

"The boys are playing well," Schulze said. "Tomorrow it's just going to be a matter of going out and doing the little things."

For their part, Dewald said the team is intent on finishing in the top two, if at all possible. "It has been a good accomplishment for the school (winning district)," Dewald said. "But I really want to make it state. We have one player on the team who's a senior (Reding). I think it would be pretty cool if we make it to state so he gets to go his senior year."

"This is as good a tournament as you're going to see," Schulze said.



SAFETY TIP Sports

Prior to running or engaging in any sport, make sure you:

- Warm up and stretch
- Recon running route and playing field (mark obstacles)
- Watch for holes, dropoffs, and uneven terrain

COMMON SENSE RULES
DO NOT CHANGE
BECAUSE YOU ARE IN A
COMBAT ZONE

TV GUIDE

	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
18:00	Pokemon: Johto League Champions/Jackie Chan Adventures	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/The Late Show with David Letterman	NBA Fastbreak/Pardon the Interruption	Masterpiece Theater 17:00
19:00	Jeopardy/Headline News	Access Hollywood 19:30	Sportscenter	The Wild Thornberrys/The Fairly Oddparents
20:00	ESPNNews/Headline News	The Wrong Man	ESPNNews/Baseball Tonight 20:20	The Simpsons/The Cosby Show
21:00	Scrubs (2 episodes)/Reel to Reel 20:20	An Officer and a Gentleman 21:45	MLB - Florida Marlins @ Philadelphia Phillies	American Idol/My Wife and Kids
22:00	The Bachelor			The West Wing

Sports



NBA:

Hubie Brown, Memphis Grizzlies, named NBA Coach of the Year

Milwaukee 92
Detroit 88



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Ottawa 1

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